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SUBJECT: NEED FOR RESTRAINT IN SENDING NIACT IMMEDIATE
MESSAGES FROM THE VOA NEWSROOM

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(B) PHNOM PENH 10188

1. WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO RECEIVING NIACT IMMEDIATES
FROM THE VOA NEWSROOM IF WE THOUGHT THEY SERVED A
USEFUL PURPOSE.

2. HOWEVER, DESPITE REFTTEL A, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE
THAT THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO DURING THE CAMBODIAN
NIGHT-TIME TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN REPORTS OF
THE VARIOUS NEWS AGENCIES. NEITHER WE NOR THE KHMERS
HAVE THE PERSONNEL TO ASSIST VOA DURING THE LOCAL
NIGHT HOURS, SAVE IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. IN
OUR OPINION NONE OF THE VOA NIACT IMMEDIATE QUERIES
IN RECENT WEEKS HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED.

3. INTERNATIONAL PRESS SOURCES HERE ARE FEW AND
GENERALLY POOR. WE RECOMMEND THAT, IN CASE OF DOUBT,
THE VOA NEWSROOM RELY ON OUR SITREP RATHER THAN ON
AGENCY DISPATCHES.

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4. TO BETTER SERVE VOA'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ITS KHMER

AND OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN LISTENERS, WE SUGGEST THAT
INSTEAD OF TRYING TO RESOLVE INCONSISTENCIES OF
DETAIL, THE VOICE:

- A. BE SURE NOT RPT NOT TO DOWNPLAY OR OVERLOOK
COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN THE CAMBODIAN INSURGENCY;
 - B. KEEP THE ROLE OF THE NVA/VC IN THE FOREGROUND;
 - C. MAKE SURE THE INSURGENT SHELLING OF
TOWNS AND OTHER VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS
IS FULLY REPORTED.
- ENDERS

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